



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5829

LCO No. 4519

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA ON THE
ETHNICITY AND RACE OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-20 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2004*):

4 (a) Each person who applies for admission as an elector in person to
5 an admitting official shall, upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of
6 the State and signed by the applicant, state under penalties of perjury,
7 his name, bona fide residence by street and number, date of birth,
8 ethnicity and race, whether he is a United States citizen, whether his
9 privileges as an elector are forfeited by reason of conviction of crime,
10 and whether he has previously been admitted as an elector in any
11 town in this or any other state. Each such applicant shall present his
12 birth certificate, drivers' license or Social Security card to the admitting
13 official for inspection at the time of application. Notwithstanding the
14 provisions of any special act or charter to the contrary, the application
15 form shall also, in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State,

16 provide for application for enrollment in any political party. The form
17 shall indicate that such enrollment is not mandatory.

18 Sec. 2. Section 9-23h of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2004*):

20 The application provided for in section 9-23g shall provide spaces
21 for the following information for each applicant: (1) Name, (2) bona
22 fide residence, including street number, street address, apartment
23 number if applicable, town and zip code, (3) telephone number, (4)
24 date of birth, (5) whether the applicant is registered as an elector in any
25 other town in the state of Connecticut or in any other state, and if so,
26 the applicant's last previous voting residence, (6) whether the
27 applicant is a United States citizen, (7) party affiliation, if any, (8)
28 ethnicity and race, and [(8)] (9) the applicant's signature and date of
29 signature. The spaces for the applicant's telephone number and party
30 affiliation shall indicate that such information does not have to be
31 provided. No Social Security number on any such form filed prior to
32 January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any governmental
33 agency. The application shall contain a notice that if the applicant does
34 not receive a notice of acceptance or rejection of the application from
35 the office of the registrars of voters for the municipality in which the
36 applicant resides, the applicant should contact said office. The
37 application shall also contain any other information, questions or
38 instructions prescribed by the Secretary of the State.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To better quantify and assess voter registration efforts.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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